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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University sophomores Jennifer Ceisel and Amanda Williams, have been selected to study at Oxford University through Illinois Wesleyan's Pembroke Program. The two will study in England for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Ceisel, who is an international studies major with a double minor in economics and Spanish, will study in the Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) program. She will focus on politics.

Having family in England, Ceisel is especially enthused to study at Oxford University. "My Grandpapa went to Oxford for two years and studied PPE, but was drafted and never able to finish his degree. Needless to say, my entire family is excited. I can't wait to spend the holidays in England with them," said the Chicago native.

Williams, who is an English literature and theatre arts double major, will study English literature while at Pembroke. Acceptance into the Pembroke Program is something she has been working toward since her first year at IWU. "It's been a dream of mine for a long time and the realization of that dream is one of the most rewarding feelings I've experienced in my life. It's an absolute honor to be accepted to study at Oxford and will no doubt be a life-changing experience!" said the native of Alhambra, Ill.

Founded in 1624, Pembroke College admits less than 100 undergraduate students each year from schools throughout Great Britain and a small number of students from other countries for a total enrollment of approximately 400 students. Pembroke is one of 36 colleges that, along with seven private halls, make up Oxford University. Pembroke has a relationship with 12 U.S. colleges and universities: Barnard, Brown, Bryn Mawr, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, George Washington, Georgetown, Haverford, Illinois Wesleyan, Tufts and the University of Pennsylvania. Illinois Wesleyan students have studied at Pembroke College since 1997.

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